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1. In early July 1955 the Wissenschaftlich-Technisches Bureau fuer Geraetebau (Scientific-Technical Bureau for the Construction of Equipment) (WTBG) demanded from the Ministerium fuer Maschinenbau (Ministry of Machine Construction) and from Zentralamt fuer Forschung und Technik (Central Office for Research and Engineering (ZAFI) of the Staatliche Plankommission (State Plan Commission) a decision on the future status of the WTBG. Such a decision had become urgent because the range of activities of the WTBG was very wide and its personnel were dispersed. The WTBG activities extended from the development of decimeter apparatuses, low frequency technique, medical equipment, fine mechanics, optics, measuring and regulating equipment, gyroscopic devices, geophysical apparatuses for hydrological research, ultrasonics and the construction of heavy machinery. It was believed that the decision required by the WTBG would be made before long, since Professor Josef Stanek, the new director of the ZAFI, was looking into this request.
2. The following four possibilities for the future form of the WTBG were discussed:
 - a. Central research and developing institute which would be attached to the Akademie der Wissenschaften (Academy of Sciences)
 - b. Central institute with the main function of developing measuring and regulating devices which would be subordinate to the Main Administration for Fine Mechanics and Optics
 - c. Central institute for special functions in the field of research and industrial development which would be subordinate to the ZAFI.
 - d. Central institute for special functions which would work under the direction of the MdI in Pirna or similar institutions.

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